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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Sep 1, 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. **Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent #6,081,262 issued to Gill et al (Gill, hereinafter).**

A. Per claims 1, 11, and 18:

Gill discloses a multi-media presentation generation system which combines media objects of multiple diverse types into an integrated multi-media presentation. The multi-media presentation generation system uses a page based document layout paradigm to regulate the spatial relationships among the plurality of objects contained within the multi-media presentation. A multi-media authoring tool extends the capabilities of the page based document layout system to enable an author to merge both static and dynamic objects in a page layout environment to create the multi-media presentation (abstract; col. 1, lines 7-11, 25-27, 30-32; col. 2, lines 3-9; col. 3, lines 10-14, 21-24, 40-44, 49-52, 56-65; col. 4, lines 12-20, 22-26, 31-37). Gill illustrates in figure 1 a menu driven multi-media presentation generation system MPG

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executing on a processor P, which accesses data from any of a multitude of media sources S1-S6, which data is in any of a multitude of formats and contents for integration into an adaptable product which represents the multi-media presentation. The basic architecture of the multi-media presentation generation system is a multi-media authoring tool which operates in conjunction with a page based document layout system to extend the menu based, static object manipulation capability of the page based document layout system to encompass dynamic multi-media objects. Gill teaches that video information is obtained from a plurality of external sources including data communication connections to broadcast media, such as Internet or broadcast television, live feeds, etc., (col. 5, lines 8-31, 52-61, 65-67; col. 6, lines 1-15, 23-30). Figure 2 illustrates a multi-media page layout that is created using the multi-media presentation generation system MPG. Multiple objects are placed on a page, with these objects having different characteristics (col. 9, lines 57-67; col. 10, lines 1-50). Gill teaches that when the user of the multi-media presentation generation system MPG selects the Keys Panel of the palette and specifies a key command, the key and script data is transmitted from the multi-media authoring tool A to the page based document layout system Q, where the keys definition data is stored inside the corresponding master page. The multi-media authoring tool A retrieves this stored keys definition data for display and editing by the user (col. 12, lines 14-22).

B. Per claims 2, 12, and 19:

See per claim 1. See further col. 5, lines 65-67; col. 6, lines 1-15; col. 14, lines 20-28; col. 17, lines 10-63; col. 22, lines 34-38.

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C. Per claims 3, 13, and 20:

See per claim 2.

D. Per claims 4 and 21:

See per claim 1. See further col. 9, lines 57-67; col. 10, lines 1-50.

E. Per claims 5 and 25:

See per claim 1. See further col. 5, lines 8-18, 41-45, 65-67; col. 6, lines 1-11; col. 9, lines 48-54.

F. Per claims 6, 14, and 22:

See per claim 1. See further col. 9, lines 27-54; col. 10, lines 1-42, 64-67; col. 11, lines 1-67; col. 12, lines 1-43.

G. Per claims 7 and 8:

See per claim 1. See further col. 3, lines 10-14, 21-24, 40-44, 49-52, 56-65; col. 6, lines 23-30.

H. Per claims 9, 15, and 23:

See per claim 1. See further col. 5, lines 65-67; col. 6, lines 1-20.

I. Per claims 10, 16, and 24:

See per claim 1. See further col. 11, lines 9-67; col. 1-25.

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Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Inquiries

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